

(iv) Have been published previously in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(3) A routine use will be established for each user of the information outside DeCA who need official access to the records. This use may be discontinued or amended without the consent of the individual/s involved. Any routine use that is new or changed is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER 30 days before actually disclosing the record. In addition to routine uses established by DeCA individual system notices, blanket routine uses have been established. See Appendix C to this part.

(d) *Disclosure without consent.* DeCA records may be disclosed without the consent of the individual to whom they pertain to another agency within or under the control of the U.S. for a civil or criminal law enforcement activity if:

(1) The civil or criminal law enforcement activity is authorized by law (Federal, State, or local); and

(2) The head of the agency or instrumentality (or designee) has made a written request to the Component specifying the particular record or portion desired and the law enforcement activity for which it is sought.

(3) Blanket requests for any and all records pertaining to an individual shall not be honored. The requesting agency or instrumentality must specify each record or portion desired and how each relates to the authorized law enforcement activity.

(4) This disclosure provision applies when the law enforcement agency or instrumentality request the record. If the DoD Component discloses a record outside the DoD for law enforcement purposes without the individual's consent and without an adequate written request, the disclosure must be pursuant to an established routine use, such as the blanket routine use for law enforcement.

(e) *Disclosures to the public from health care records.* (1) The following general information may be released to the news media or public concerning a DeCA employee treated or hospitalized in DoD medical facilities and non-Federal facilities for whom the cost of the care is paid by DoD:

(i) Personal information concerning the patient that is provided in §327.8

and under provisions of 32 CFR part 285.

(ii) The medical condition such as the date of admission or disposition and the present medical assessment of the individual's condition in the following terms if the medical doctor has volunteered the information:

(A) The individual's condition is presently (stable) (good) (fair) (serious) or (critical), and

(B) Whether the patient is conscious, semi-conscious or unconscious.

(2) Detailed medical and other personal information may be released on a DeCA employee only if the employee has given consent to the release. If the employee is not conscious or competent, no personal information, except that required by 32 CFR part 285, will be released until there has been enough improvement in the patient's condition for them to give informed consent.

(3) Any item of personal information may be released on a DeCA patient if the patient has given consent to its release.

(4) This part does not limit the disclosure of personal medical information for other government agencies' use in determining eligibility for special assistance or other benefits provided disclosure in pursuant to a routine use.

APPENDIX A TO PART 327—SAMPLE DECA RESPONSE LETTER

Mrs. Floria Employee
551 Florida Avenue
Oakland, CA 94618

Dear Mrs. Employee: This responds to your Privacy Act request dated (enter date of request), in which you requested (describe requested records).

Your request has been referred to our headquarters for further processing. They will respond directly to you. Any questions concerning your request may be made telephonically (enter Privacy Officer's telephone number) or in writing to the following address:

Defense Commissary Agency, Safety, Security, and Administration, Attention: FOIA/PA Officer, Fort Lee, VA 23801-1800.

I trust this information is responsive to your needs.

(Signature block)